



Swimming Policy

Of Firhouse Educate Together National School

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Introduction

The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils.

Aims and Objectives

Attendance at this course fulfils the aquatics strand of the P.E. curriculum as laid down by the Dept. of Education and Skills.

Policy Content

- Firhouse Educate Together N.S. arranges for a course of swimming instruction in the Tallaght Leisure Centre swimming pool for each of its pupils in Second and Fourth classes during the school year. Should a child be unable to attend the course, due to ill health or any other reason, he/she must supply a medical certificate. Such pupils will accompany their class to the pool and complete appropriate work on water safety at the side of the pool.
- Pupils attending the course at any given time may be from a combination of classes.
- The Board of Management and staff of Firhouse Educate Together N.S. have a duty of care to all the pupils during swimming lessons and responsibility to ensure the aquatic strand of the P.E. curriculum is accessed by all pupils.

Swimming Procedure

Before Swimming

- In advance of each set of swimming lessons, the school principal will review with staff of the swimming pool the logistics and arrangements for changing clothing.
- A letter, outlining the swimming programme details, will go out in advance of all blocks of swim classes.
- Pupils, while swimming, are in the care of their class teachers. The class teacher signs in the class indicating school name and number of pupils swimming that week.
- All children attending the course should wear a tracksuit. (Swimsuits may be worn under tracksuits coming to school). Each child must have a suitable bag to carry his/her swimming gear. (Sports bag or similar with secure zip or other fastening).
- All items brought to the pool must be clearly labelled with the child's name. This includes the bag, tracksuit, socks, underwear and shoes.
- Each child must have their own togs, towel, hair brush and swim cap, all of which must also be marked.
- If you have any concerns in relation to your child going swimming, please address them with the class teacher well in advance of swimming starting.
- No toiletries (e.g. shampoo, shower gel, deodorant) are permitted. Hairdryers are not permitted.

- While in the pool, pupils must endeavour to obey the instructor's orders at all times and comply with the School Code of Positive Behaviour.

At The Pool

1. Parents are not permitted access to the changing rooms. If you have a concern that your child will have difficulty drying, dressing or undressing him/herself, now is the time to develop those skills.
2. Pupils will line up at the entrance to the changing area. Boys and girls are assigned places in the cubicles reserved for our school by their class teachers.
3. Teachers observe and supervise the class groups on deck and look after pupils who need to use the toilet.
4. Adults are not permitted in the changing area during the swimming lesson. On exit pupils line up in the lobby area.
5. When the pupils return to school, they have their snack and drink.

Pupils should not eat or drink while on the bus or in the swimming pool building.

While in the pool, pupils must endeavour to obey the instructors' orders at all times and comply with the School Code of Positive Behaviour. Parents/Guardians are required to follow policy procedures outlined herein and our school policy on Parental Involvement.

A copy of the policy is shared with teachers and is available for parents/guardians on the school website.

Ratified by Board of Management: 25th March 2019

Date of Next Review: March 2020

Signed _____
Francis Fullen: Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Niamh Byrne: Principal

Date: _____